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**MINUTES OF THE
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2002**

**2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300A
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

John Williams, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

John Williams, Ph.D., Chair
Laura Cathcart
Victor Cherven, Ph.D.
Scott Hector
Karen Melikian
Rebecca Sterbentz
Ernest Weber

Also in attendance:

William E. Black, Board Member
Paul Sweeney, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel
Mary Lynn Ferreira, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Martine Alter
Tracy Ferrel, Ph.D., Chief, Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of
Examination Resources
Kenneth Neal, Board Member, State of Washington, Department of
Licensing
Thomas Spittler

Dr. Williams introduced Martine Alter and Thomas Spittler who will replace him and Mr. Weber as members of the Committee on July 1, 2002. Ms. Melikian expressed appreciation and thanks to Mr. Weber and Dr. Williams on behalf of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2002

Mr. Weber moved to approve the minutes of the open session of the February 1, 2002, meeting.

Ms. Sterbentz seconded.

The motion passed by majority. (Aye – Cathcart, Cherven, Sterbentz, Weber, Williams. Abstain – Hector)

Mr. Weber moved to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 1, 2002, meeting.

Ms. Sterbentz seconded.

The motion passed by majority. (Aye – Cathcart, Cherven, Sterbentz, Weber, Williams. Abstain – Hector)

5. REPORT ON MARCH 25, 2002, BOARD MEETING

The Committee received draft minutes of the March 25, 2002, Board meeting.

Dr. Williams reported that Mr. Sweeney represented the Committee at that meeting because he was unable to attend. Dr. Williams directed attention to the following items of particular interest to the Committee:

- The Board elected Robert Matthews, Ph.D., as Vice-President.
- The Board referred the requests of the States of Oregon and Washington for cooperative licensure for Certified Engineering Geologists and Certified Hydrogeologists to the Committee for recommendation to the Board.
- The next ASBOG Annual Meeting and Council of Examiners meeting will be held on November 6-11, 2002, in Biloxi, Mississippi.
Mr. Sweeney reported that the Board would not select the Board members who will attend the Annual Meeting until after election of officers at its July 12, 2002, meeting. He also reported that

Robert Tepel and Dr. Williams have represented the Board in the past on the Council of Examiners. Dr. Williams expressed interest in continuing to represent the Board on the Council.

The Board appointed Martine Alter and Thomas Spittler as members of the Committee effective July 1, 2002, and approved their attendance at this meeting as orientation.

Mr. Sweeney reported the following:

- The Board was updated on the mutually cooperative activities with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Senate Bill No. 1958 (Polanco) and the Board's current budget condition and received drafts of the Summer newsletter and copies of the enforcement report.
- The Board adopted the March 2002 Strategic Plan.
- The Board issued a news release on Richard Van Blaricom's voluntary surrender of his Registered Geophysicist license.
- A news release will be issued soon announcing revisions to the directory of licensees on the Board's website that includes an automatic nightly update of licensee information.

Ms. Melikian announced that the next Board meeting has been changed from July 11 to July 12, 2002.

6. REPORT ON STATUS OF REGISTERED GEOPHYSICIST OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS FOCUS GROUP

Mr. Sweeney provided background information on the Board's completion of occupational analyses for Registered Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist and on the focus group that will perform a Registered Geophysicist occupational analysis.

Tracy Ferrel, Ph.D., Chief, Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Examination Resources (OER), reported that due to OER staffing shortages and the Board's budget constraints, OER was unable to perform the Registered Geophysicist occupational analysis as scheduled this fiscal year. Dr. Ferrel hopes to complete the analysis in Fiscal Year 2002-03.

7. REPORT ON SPRING 2002 EXAMINATIONS

The Committee received statistics on attendance and pass rates before appeals for the Spring 2002 Registered Geologist, Registered

Geophysicist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations.

Mr. Sweeney reported that review and appeals of Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations were held on June 5, 2002.

8. RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON REQUESTS FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON GEOLOGY BOARDS FOR COOPERATIVE LICENSURE FOR CERTIFIED ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS AND CERTIFIED HYDROGEOLOGISTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

The Committee discussed with Kenneth Neal, Board Member, State of Washington, Department of Licensing, the requests from the States of Oregon and Washington for cooperative acceptance of the Certified Engineering Geologists examinations of both states and Washington's Certified Hydrogeologists examination.

Mr. Duke advised the Committee that the Board has authority to accept the examinations if the Board determines them to be equivalent to California's examinations.

Dr. Ferrel advised that the Board also must determine if the occupational analyses upon which the examinations are based meet professional guidelines and technical standards. Dr. Ferrel agreed to assist the Committee in determining if the examinations and analyses are equivalent. Mr. Neal provided documentation regarding the occupational analyses to the Committee.

The Committee will consider the matter further at the next meeting after review of the examinations.

Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting to closed session to consider examination matters as authorized by section 11126(c)(1) of the Government Code.

The open meeting resumed.

13. REPORT ON RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Williams reported that during closed session, the Committee: performed the initial review of the Spring 2003 Registered Geologist California-Specific, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations and reviewed comments by the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 Criterion-Referenced Pass Point Workshops participants; deferred to the

next meeting the initial review of the Spring 2003 Registered Geophysicist examination, review of comments submitted by Spring 2002 Examination graders and item writing for the Registered Geologist California California-Specific, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations: and continued to the next meeting further review of comments of the Fall 2001 and 2002 Criterion-Referenced Pass Point Workshops participants.

14. ESTABLISH AGENDA AND HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2002, COMMITTEE MEETING AND ESTABLISH OTHER MEETING DATES

The Committee rescheduled its November meeting from November 29 to November 15, 2002.

At the September 13, 2002, meeting, the Committee will elect a chair and vice chair, consider recommendation to the Board regarding the equivalency of the Oregon and Washington Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations, review the Spring 2002 Registered Geologist California-Specific, Registered Geophysicist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations, review comments of the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 criterion-referenced pass point workshops participants, review comments of the Spring 2002 examinations graders and perform item writing for the Registered Geologist California-Specific, Registered Geophysicist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM.

VICTOR CHERVEN, Ph.D.
Vice Chair

PAUL SWEENEY
Executive Officer

Date Approved: September 13, 2002